

May 7, 2021

Howard Wiig State Building Code Council Chair Kalanimoku Building 1151 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Regarding: Amendments to International Building Code

Dear Mr. Wiig, SBCC Chair:

A number of employees with our firm, Englekirk Structural Engineers, myself included, previously served as cabinet members within the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii during the time that the proposed amendments regarding Tsunami Design and Wind-Borne Debris Region recommendations were provided.

As far as we are aware, there was no voting or membership consensus garnered prior to the submission of the recommendations made to the State Building Code Council on behalf of the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, nor do we agree with the proposed recommendations as they are in excess of the parent Code standards as listed in the IBC and ASCE 7.

Very truly yours,

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